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## OUR BONDED DEBT.

HOW SOME OF LINCOLN COUNTY'S PRESENT MOUNTAIN OF DEBT ACCRUED.

Growsome Reading for Old Timers and Present and Prospective Taxpayers.

We continue from last week the publication of the article of October 1872, showing the outrageous bills allowed at that time for the various furnishings of the court house building.

The contractor was allowed the following bills for furniture for the

CLERK'S OFFICE.	
Bill No. 693, March 12, making small desk in Clerk's office.	\$ 400 00
Bill No. 689, March 12, making rails and standing desk in Clerk's office, etc.	300 00
Bill No. 695, March 14, material in Clerk's desk in court room.	500 00
Bill No. 699, March 14, lumber, nails and tin in Clerk's large desk.	500 00
Bill No. 805, June 6, bill on Clerk's large desk for work (omitted as stated in bill).	500 00
Bill No. 802, June 14, making small desk in Clerk's office, work and material.	240 00
Putting on doors of desk.	60 00
Two shelves, strips and hat hooks.	50 00
Total.	\$2,550 00

RECORDERS OFFICE.	
Bill No. 703, March 14, furnishing material and rail of standing desk and small table.	\$ 270 00
Bill No. 853, June 6, work on furniture in Recorder's office.	630 00
Bill No. 857, June 6, material and furniture in Recorder's office.	500 00
Total.	\$1,400 00

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.	
Bill No. 850, June 6, work on furniture in Sheriff's office.	\$ 400 00
Bill No. 855, June 6, material used in furniture in Sheriff's office.	480 00
Total.	\$ 880 00

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.	
Bill No. 851, June 6, work, material and furniture in Surveyor's office.	\$ 320 00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.	
Bill No. 858, June 6, material and furniture in Assessor's office.	\$ 300 00
Bill No. 860, June 6, work and furniture in Assessor's office.	490 00
Total.	\$ 790 00

JUDGE'S CHAMBER.	
Bill No. 856, June 6, work on furniture in Judge's room.	\$ 400 00
Bill No. 861, June 6, material and furniture in Judge's room.	300 00
Total.	\$ 700 00

COURT ROOM.	
Bill No. 698, March 14, making rail in court room.	\$ 500 00
Bill No. 702, March 14, making Clerk's desk in court room.	250 00
Bill No. 707, March 14, making Judge's bench in court room.	350 00
Bill No. 709, March 14, material in Judge's bench.	250 00
Bill No. 711, March 15, material for rail in court room.	300 00
Same, No. 712, following.	312 00
Total.	\$1,962 00

EXTRA PAINTING.	
Bill No. 692, March 14, extra painting in Recorder's and Clerk's room.	\$ 200 00
Bill No. 714, March 14, extra painting and graining in court room.	500 00
Bill No. 846, June 6, painting and graining upper story.	400 00
To putting up strips and hat hooks and setting water tank and clock.	100 00
Bill No. 847, June 6, painting and graining on lower story.	400 00
Bill No. 848, June 6, furnishing paint.	400 00
Total.	\$2,300 00

These extraordinary allowances had the inevitable effect of reducing the credit of the county in the estimation of our merchants, and hence we find their bills for upholstery, etc., for the court house and jail, making a total amount of \$4,168.70. From the foregoing figures, we find that the common pine furniture of the court house and jail, together with that purchased of the merchants, has cost the county the enormous sum of \$15,070.70. This, added to the \$49,544.28 as before ascertained, gives us as the cost of those buildings up to date, and including the probable cost of the replastering, the sum of \$64,614.98. We wish it to be distinctly understood, that in the foregoing enumeration of "bills allowed" we have only given you those which bear dishonesty on their face. There are many other bills, legal in their character and less extortionate, that do not appear here, and from good authority we can state that those bills will amount to fully \$20,000 more. If we add this to the amount determined as above, we find that those buildings have already cost the county the enormous sum of \$84,614.98; with the almost certain assurance that, if the party now in power shall control our county business for the next two years, the grading of the jail yard and the walling in of the premises, will cost another enormous sum. We have brought this court house bill matter before you to illustrate the inordinate and reckless manner in which the Democratic party

have run our county for the past two years. Other examples are not wanting; among which we would refer you to an allowance to Sheriff Kane of the sum of \$10,000 for two trips of his deputy to the "Muddy," in February and March, 1871, which two trips probably cost less than \$250; and which allowance was not only unjust to the county in the extreme, but clearly illegal, as determined in a like case, after argument by able counsel, in our district court. As another evidence of the maladministration of our county affairs by this board, we refer you to the leasing and repairing of a little log shanty for a look-up at Bullionville. This little place cost originally twenty-five dollars, and was sold to Justice Wallace for the sum (we believe) of one hundred and twenty-five. The pretended repairs on this room of thirteen feet square cost the county the sum of \$974 per bill No. 949, dated August 5th, 1872, and allowed by our County Commissioners; and the rent of the same is now costing the county at the rate of seventy-five dollars per month. To show you how well this has been fitted up for a calaboose, we will state that it is but a month since a prisoner was locked up in it, who required just five minutes in which to raise up the roof and climb out. We give you these examples from the records to illustrate the present administration of the county of Lincoln, a young and thriving county, which to-day should not owe a dollar that would remain unpaid at the end of the fiscal year; and we earnestly recommend them to your serious consideration, bearing in mind that on the 5th of next month, you are to determine by your votes whether such an administration is to be endorsed or repudiated.

As the result of these lavish expenditures the Auditor's report for the quarter ending September 30, 1872, places the county indebtedness at \$150,579.10. Of course the greater part of this is "Public Buildings Account," but the special tax of 50 cents on the one hundred dollars was originally intended to cover the cost of those buildings, and no doubt was sufficient to do so, had proper economy been used in their construction and fitting up. The county's income for the last quarter was \$30,260.74, less the State's proportion. Taking this as basis of calculation, it is evident that to-day its indebtedness should be next to nothing, seeing that there were no old debts of 1867-70 to pay, and that the present board had the use of nearly \$5,000 of surplus money transferred to them by the Republican administration.

All the foregoing bills, and numerous others for supplies for other purposes, were allowed for double the amount called for, in order that the claimant might realize in coin the amount due him, after discounting his certificate of indebtedness. While there was no law of right and justice which authorized this, yet it was permitted, and was finally rendered uncontestable by the issue of bonds.

## THE FUSION CONVENTION.

A Full County Ticket Nominated.

The Democratic-Fusion Convention was held here at the Court house last Saturday according to previous notices given. A temporary organization was effected at 11 o'clock, with W. J. Dooley as Chairman and D. L. Bathurst as Secretary.

Committees on credentials, Order of Business, Platform and Resolutions and a Conference Committee, were appointed and an adjournment was then taken until 2:30 o'clock.

On re-convening in the afternoon the Credentials Committee reported 17 members, representing 23 delegates, as entitled to seats in the Convention. The report was headed "Democratic" which, on motion of C. O. Newell was amended so as to read, "Democratic-Fusion" Convention.

The Committee on Organization and Order of Business recommended that the temporary officers be made the permanent officers of the Convention.

The Conference Committee failing to file a report, the Chairman called for one, when it transpired that the matter which the Committee was to consider, was the advisability of changing the name of the Convention from "Democratic-Fusion" to "Democratic" straight. Mr. Newell arose and reported that the Committee had no report to make; that the call for the Convention had been made as a Fusion Convention, otherwise he would not be there, though he understood that some of the members present favored changing the name, which he believed could not be done without invalidating the whole work of the Convention, and that if it were done he could not sit with the body. Remarks on the question were invited from other members present, but none being made, the organization was voted as complete and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Wm. Culverwell moved that each person proposed for nomination should be assessed to meet expenses, as heretofore; but the provisions of the Purity Law were stated as prohibiting this, whereupon the motion was withdrawn, the expenses to be met by voluntary contributions.

The Chairman here invited remarks from any one present in the convention hall relative to the Purity Law but none were made and Mr. Gohe moved that some one be called upon to explain the object of the Convention, etc. Calls were hereupon made for J. A. Denton, who arose and stated that he preferred to hear from their attorney, and probable candidate, Mr. McNamee, since the actions of the Convention were being closely watched, and it was desirable to avoid any mistakes. Mr. McNamee, responding, stated that all so far appeared regular, and that the Convention was in nomination, though he believed the

party had not yet acquired a legal standing so as to enable it to file its certificate of nomination with the County Clerk, yet it could now express its preferences, and complete the matter afterwards by a nominating petition at large.

Here the business of nominations was entered upon, all save two, being made by acclamation.

Wm. Culverwell nominated J. A. Denton for State Senator. The nomination was made by acclamation and the nominee, on call, addressed the Convention with vigor, on several pending issues.

For the Assembly, Wm. Culverwell nominated Geo. W. Whitney, of St. Thomas. The nomination was made by acclamation and regrets were expressed that Mr. Whitney was not present.

Here the Chair vacated his seat, which was temporarily filled by the Secretary Mr. Bathurst, and the chairman proceeded to nominate C. C. Ransom for Assessor and Sheriff. No other nominations appearing it was made by acclamation.

For County Clerk, H. J. Goodrich, the present incumbent of the office, was placed in nomination by Jos. Conway and the nomination made by acclamation.

D. L. Bathurst placed N. P. Dooley in nomination for County Treasurer, which was also made by acclamation.

For County Recorder, James Giles placed in nomination, H. W. Turner, and S. E. Wertheimer advanced the name of R. E. Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson, however, arose and stated that he did not desire his name presented, whereupon it was withdrawn and the nomination of Mr. Turner was also made by acclamation.

S. E. Wertheimer nominated for Public Administrator, a man whom, he said had been a Democrat, a Republican, a Populist and was also a Silver man, and therefore ought to be eligible before the Fusion party for almost any office; and at mention of the name of Wm. Culverwell, the delegates cheered, and made the nomination by acclamation.

Jos. Conway nominated F. R. McNamee of Delamar, for District Attorney, and this went through also by acclamation.

For Commissioner, Long Term, Jasper Woods nominated Jos. Conway, while E. L. Gohe nominated D. L. Wertheimer. This was the first office for which more than one name had been presented. A ballot was taken and resulted: Conway, 11; Wertheimer, 12.

For Commissioner, Short Term, Jos. Cook was nominated by S. E. Wertheimer, while Wm. Culverwell named James Giles. The resulting ballot gave: Cook, 7; Giles, 16. On motion the nomination was made unanimous.

W. D. Prewitt was nominated by acclamation for County Surveyor. This office has been vacant for the past twelve years. The nominee says he will re-run our east boundary line, if given an opportunity, and swing State Line District to the Nevada side of it. This platform ought to elect him.

The matter of township officers was then taken up and the following nominations were made:

Pioche: Justice of the Peace, W. A. Fuller; Constable, James Hulst.

Delamar: Justice of the Peace, Al Thorne; Constable, Jake Johnson.

Panama: Justice of the Peace, I. N. Turnbull; Constable, Cap. Matthews.

As a Finance Committee, required by the Purity Law, the following were selected:

W. J. Dooley, S. E. Wertheimer, George Petty, Wm. Wheatley and J. G. Brown.

A County Central Committee of seventeen persons was then selected, representing the county at large.

A committee was appointed to draw up a petition, circulate it for signatures and see that it was properly attested and filed as required by law, upon which the Convention adjourned.

## TRIB COMES HOME.

Years ago a local druggist made a liniment of products of the forest, field and mine, and called it Trib. Our people used it, became familiar with it and esteemed it highly. Most of the families then residing here adopted it as the favorite remedy for bruises and sprains. It came to be regarded as a household necessity.

As time passed and our population decreased Trib disappeared. Business reasons, one of which was the great cost of preparing it in small quantities, had driven it away from the local market, its original home. No more was heard of it except the regrets of those who desired but could not obtain it.

During the past summer our newspaper exchanges from the outside world have been telling of wonderful cures Trib has effected on man and horse in Reno, Carson, on the Coast—everywhere.

Last week Trib came home. It appeared once more on the shelves of our local druggist. It may seem a trivial circumstance; but to the many who know its virtues it is a matter of real rejoicing that Trib has come home.

WANTED—SEVERAL FAITHFUL MEN OR WOMEN to travel for responsible established house in Nevada. Salary \$750, payable \$15 weekly and expenses. Position permanent. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The National Star Building, Chicago.

## NOTICE.

Owners of cattle and horses running at large in the vicinity of the Highland Mill are hereby notified that I will not be responsible for any loss to them resulting from the animals drinking salt water at the mill.

J. B. WHEELER.  
Highland, Nev. Aug. 27th, 1896.

## Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of some simple thing to patent?

## Registration Notice.

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21st day of October, 1896.

For the registration of the names of all legal voters of said election precinct, prior to the general election to be held on the 3d day of November, 1896.

GEO. MOODY, Registry Agent.

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Notice is hereby given that the official register of Dolan Precinct, Lincoln County, State of Nevada, is now open at my office in Dolan, Lincoln County, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. of all legal days prior to the

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W. C. DORRIS, Justice of the Peace.

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GEO. X. KIDING, Justice of the Peace.

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## California Enterprise.

Factory: Nevada, Marie Co. California. Main Office: No. 330 Pine Street San Francisco.

Manufacturers of the Finest Quality of Sweetened and Unsweetened Condensed Milk

H. E. FREUDENTHAL, Notary - Public.

Office in the County Assessor's room at the